

Today's Speaker

Andrew Cumming, Senior Partner,
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Topic

Cross Border Tax Issues

Location

The Ontario Room, Fairmont Royal York



Andrew Cumming is a senior Partner with Cumming & Partners. Mr. Cumming's practice areas span a wide variety of cross-border matters, including U.S. and Canadian immigration law, cross-border estate and tax planning and all facets of wealth management law for Canadians.

Mr. Cumming is the author of the best-selling book *Florida Bound: The Essential Guide for Canadian Snowbirds*. He is also a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Canadian Tax Foundation, the Florida and New York Bar Associations, the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the Tax & Estate Planning sections of the American Bar Association. Mr. Cumming is a member in good standing of the New York and Florida State Bars, and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada (Ontario). Mr. Cumming earned his Juris Doctorate law degree (cum laude) from the University of Miami (Florida).

Where Your Money Went

— by Don Bell

On Dec 22 our Club Christmas party ran a 50-50 draw, and, with additional funds from the Foundation, \$5000 was donated to the Good Shepherd Ministries. What did they do with this money? It went toward the cost of the meals they serve during the holiday season. On Christmas day they serve what they call “festive food,” rather than a regular turkey dinner, simply because there are so many other charitable groups serving turkey that day. So, on Boxing Day, they serve up a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings for 1400 people! Our money helped cover the cost of this meal. This organization, “Toronto's largest free meal provider,” serves an average of 1300 meals per day, and provides other essential services including overnight accommodation for 91 men, showers, clothing, counselling, a medical clinic and a drug and alcohol recovery program. The budget for food last year was \$120,000, but that only represents 5% of their total food costs; the rest is donated. They have two trucks on the road each day picking up the donated items, while fresh items such as milk and eggs are purchased.

One of their interesting programs is a “casserole service,” where 30 different organizations from around the GTA participate in cooking casseroles to be served at the site. Good Shepherd provides the aluminum trays and the recipes and arranges to pick up the finished product which is then frozen for future use. The groups who take on this job include companies, churches, community groups and professional organizations such as law firms and accountants.



Good Shepherd Head Chef

Good Shepherd has on average 7000 volunteers a year, including high school groups who arrive daily to help make beds and do laundry. I asked how they managed their funding, since they operate a sizeable establishment with 70 paid employees. The answer was they generate 60% of their money from fundraising, while 40% comes from donations, foundations and local government per diem grants. Our \$5000 was put to good use!

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Next Meeting

Friday, January 24, 2014

Speaker

Scott Gilmore

Topic

Frontier Markets - Finding Fortunes and Ending Poverty



Scott Gilmore, a successful diplomat and entrepreneur, discusses his personal experiences in Asian and African frontier markets, the immense opportunities for investment, and how trade rather than aid is winning the war on poverty.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

January 2014

- 24 Scott Gilmore, founder Peace Dividend Trust
- 31 Douglas Gibson, publisher

February 2014

- 7 Susan Eng, Vice-President, CARP
- 14 New Members Valentine's Day lunch program
- 21 Greg Reed, CEO, eHealth Ontario
- 28 Colleen Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, TD Bank

March 2014

- 7 David Crombie, Former Mayor of Toronto

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Editor of the Week

Don Bell

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Jeff Dobson

What You Missed Reporter for January 17

Maureen Bird

What You Missed January 10th, 2014

– by Lorna Johnson



You missed a lot at last Friday's Rotary Club meeting, the first for 2014. The room was buzzing with excitement as friends caught up on the key events of the holidays. President Richard called the meeting to order and, further to Monitor Michael Morgan's report of 7 Visiting Rotarians and 16 guests, welcomed all to the meeting. Following lunch, Neisely Eugene, one of the members of the Rotaract Club of Toronto, came to the lectern and made a pitch for their upcoming fundraiser (see ad on this page). She used her iPhone to read her notes. When the speaker rose to address the Club members, he used his iPad for his speech. Not to be upstaged, our president said he would rather work from his "Carol Notes" (i.e. the paper script that Carol provides for him each week . . . sort of like Coles' Notes). Our leader may or may not be "electronically challenged," but he is well looked after by the office!



David Hetherington wins tickets

Our guest speaker, Ron DiFrancesco, brought some of us to tears as he recounted his ordeal as one of the few survivors of the World Trade Center attack on the South Tower. The number of times that he could have taken a wrong step, or spent five seconds too long talking to rescuers, or succumbed to the overwhelming temptation to give up, is hard to imagine. His key message to us was that over the past years he has stopped thinking "How is it possible I came through this when thousands perished?" Instead, he now looks at his family and knows why he survived. For a boy who grew up in Stoney Creek, Ontario, to make the big leagues in world finance in New York is one thing; for him to survive the unthinkable is truly amazing.

Two sets of Boat Show tickets, courtesy Jackie Davies, were part of The Ace of Clubs draw and the wine was won by Joanne DiPaola, a guest of Joe Amato.

Rotaract Club of Toronto invites you to

Save the Date

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Friday, Feb 7th @ 8pm
 Vodka Tasting Night
 Proof Vodka Bar (220 Bloor St. W)

All proceeds go to English in Mind
<http://englishinmindinstitute.org/>

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